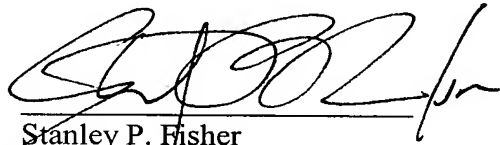


**REMARKS**

Applicant has amended claim 8 and added new claim 13. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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8. The electrophoresis chip according to ~~any one of claims 1 and 2~~, wherein a width of said electrophoresis medium is set in a range of 0.1mm to 5mm.

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